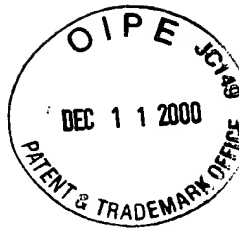


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Dear Sir:

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated September 21, 2000 (a copy of which is enclosed), applicants submit herewith a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney - Patent Application and Petition for Extension of Time along with a check in the amount of \$240.00 which covers the fee for the late filing of the Declaration and the fee for the one month extension. Please charge any additional fees that may be due in connection with this Declaration to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A copy of this Letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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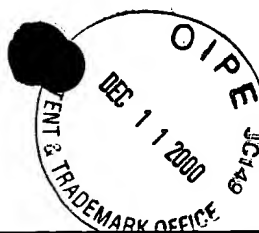
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